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Dosen Armed Robbers Stop
Fast Freight Near Buffalo,
Uncouple Engine and
Strip Several Cars of Ship-
ments of Bolted Silk
Posse Goes in Pursuit.

Four Big Auto Trucks Lined
Up At Tracks to Carry
Away Booty—Shots Ex-
changed With Train Crew
As Robbers Make Good
Escape—None Injured.

Buffalo, April 15—A dozen
bandits held up a New York
Central fast freight train at
Sanborn, nine miles east of
North Tonawanda, early today,
stripped several cars of bolted
silk valued at \$50,000 and sped
away in automobile trucks up-
on which they had loaded their
plunder.

The bandits were armed with
repeating rifles and automatic
pistols and fired several shots
at the crew. No one was in-
jured.

A posse of detectives, mounted po-
lice and patrolmen from this city,
Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda,
were at the scene shortly after the
holdup but up to a late hour this
forenoon no arrests had been made.
When last seen the robbers were
headed toward this city.

After forcing the engine crew to
uncouple the locomotive and run it
a short distance down the tracks,
the engineers and the three other mem-
bers of the train crew were lined up
and placed under guard of a single
bandit while the others looted the
merchandise.

Four five-ton automobile trucks
which the robbers had in waiting,
were quickly loaded with the booty.
Engineer Goss of Syracuse, who was
the last to reach the engine in
safety, though several shots were
fired at him. He made a quick run
in to Suspension Bridge, 5 miles away,
and gave the alarm. Police and
armed citizens were hurried to the
scene but the robbers had made good
their escape. The robbery took place
at a crossing where several other re-
cent robberies have occurred.

The train, west bound, was heavily
laden. As it approached the cross-
ing, Engineer Goss, in response to a
sharp command, turned quickly from
his throttle to find himself looking
into the barrel of a repeating rifle.
The man with the rifle ordered
Goss to stop the train. Goss and his
engineers dropped to the deck of
the engine and were held by the
bandits. Conductor Burke and his
trainmen also were held under guard.
Following the command of Engineer
Goss, with his locomotive the rob-
bers worked with great rapidity, load-
ing their trucks with the most valua-
ble of the merchandise.

Montville, Conn., April 15.—Charles
and Jennie Church, husband and wife,
were burned to death shortly after
midnight this morning by a fire in a
house fire in the hamlet of Pequog,
across the Oxbow river from the Pal-
merlow Road. Peter Titus and his
wife got out of their five sleeping chil-
dren in the other section of the double
house without having a second of time
to spare.

How the fire started is unknown. It
was discovered by Tony Belack, a Pol-
ish mill hand, who boards in a nearby
house. Begick woke up the Titus
family and tried to arouse the Church-
es. They were not seen and it is high-
ly probable that both were suffocated
as they slept.

The floor of the second story bed-
room in which Mr. and Mrs. Church
slept fell to the ground floor with
charred iron bed and springs intact
and the bodies of the unfortunate man
and wife on the embers.

The loss by fire is about \$2,000.

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about 50 persons hurt in a panic of
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elevated railroad train at Chatham
Square today.

The panic resulted from the derail-
ment of one car of a seven car train
which failed to take a switch.

Chicago Carpenters,
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000 union carpenters was to go into ef-
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proposed an increase of 2-1/2 per cent.
The strike of the carpenters, it was
said today, will throw out of work
practically 100,000 men by stopping
work in other crafts.

Miss Belton, one time a well-
known midge actress, died at Woon-
socket, R. I.

MRS. ROOSEVELT, OPERATED UPON, MUCH IMPROVED

Nature of Illness Not Dis-
closed By Colonel or Her
Physicians.

New York, April 15.—Mrs. Theo-
dore Roosevelt who was taken to
Roosevelt Hospital last night by her
husband, the former President, was
operated on early today. Dr. Alex-
ander Lambert, of the Cornell Medi-
cal School, was the surgeon in charge.

While the nature of Mrs. Roose-
velt’s ailment was not disclosed, it was
stated that the operation was success-
ful and that the condition of the pa-
tient was satisfactory.

Col. Roosevelt appeared at the hos-
pital with Mrs. Roosevelt at 10 o’clock
last night. He remained with her un-
til she was taken to the operating
rooms early today. After the opera-
tion he was immediately notified of
Mrs. Roosevelt’s condition and left the
hospital with his wife, Theodore.

The Colonel declined to discuss his
wife’s illness and referred inquiries to
Dr. Lambert but judging from the look
on his face the operation and condi-
tion of Mrs. Roosevelt were appar-
ently satisfactory.

B.H.S. COMMERCIAL STUDENTS APPROVE OF CAP AND GOWN

As a result of the action of the
graduating commercial class of the
Bridgeport High school last evening in
approving the vote of the academic
class of senior pupils caps and gowns
will be worn at the commencement
exercise this year. By a majority
vote, the commercial class ratified the
plans of the academic pupils and will
eschew fancy dresses and suits.

Little opposition was met by those
in favor of the plan for caps and
gowns. As a result the graduation ex-
ercises this year will not be the riot of
color they have been in former years.
The senior class of the academic di-
vision met several weeks ago and after
a dispute, voted to adopt the cap and
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economy demanded it, and that uni-
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“ECONOMY” PLAN OF G. O. P. CUTS HOSPITAL FUNDS

State Aid Will Be Denied for
New Buildings, Accord-
ing to Committee

GRAND TOTAL TO BE
ABOUT \$14,000,000

Finance Committee Working
on Schemes to Raise In-
come of State.

Hartford, April 15.—The appropri-
ations committee of the General As-
sembly will submit to the members
tomorrow the general appropriation
bill which will give the figures of the
amounts which each department in
the state needs for its running ex-
penses for the next two years. The
grand total will be approximately
\$14,000,000. The appropriations
committee has pared down the esti-
mates with a vigorous hand. It has
cut out what it terms “frills and lux-
uries” and has given to institutions
only statutory and needed allowances.
In the case of hospitals no appropri-
ations are made for new buildings ex-
cept in several instances where such
are absolutely required.

The finance committee has been at
work every day this week preparing
its big bill under which revenue for
the state is to be secured. Its task
has been to find sources of revenue
to meet the demands which depart-
ments through the appropriations
committee have made. The finance
bill is also expected tomorrow. It is
expected that the revenue recommen-
dations will include the following:

A tax upon corporations known as
the corporate excess tax; an increase
in taxes on steam and electric roads
and other transportation companies;
a tax upon semi-public service cor-
porations, such as water, gas and
electric light companies and possibly
a tax on the shellfish industry. It
will probably be reported in a separate
bill. It is estimated that the gross
increase in the state’s income will
be about \$2,000,000 and that the net
increase a little in excess of \$2,000,000.

PULLMAN SUSPECTS G.O.P. MACHINE IS BACK OF MURBURG

“Is the Republican machine back
of the attempt to get this license in
Black Rock?” asked Judge John S. Pull-
man of Alderman Ralph Broderick of
the Third district when the Republican
police in this city were in the lion
question in the course of which he
said that when a man ordered \$1
worth of sugar he ought to be able to
have a case of beer delivered at the
same time.

Homer Fox, whose father owns
much property in the Black Rock sec-
tion, and Francis B. Perry, another
big property owner, favored the trans-
fer. In all there were 17 present in
favor of the transfer and about eight
against it. Judge Elmore S. Banks
represented Murburg.

Among those opposed was William
T. Washburn, a wealthy New York
lawyer who has a summer home in
Black Rock and whose son is Watson
M. Washburn, the famous tennis play-
er. Mr. Washburn said he thought
another license in the section would
prove a menace to school chil-
dren. Rev. A. B. Engstrom of the
Swedish Congregational church and
H. C. Woodruff of the Black
Rock Congregational church were
present to oppose Murburg.

The commissioners reserved decision.

GREAT ARMS WORKS BUYS MORE PROPERTY

Another transfer of property to the
great arms and ammunition plant
which is building in the East end was
recorded today in the deed to the
Union Metallic Cartridge Co. the prop-
erty of Nellie E. Dunn in Boston av-
enue. The property is part of the old
Dunn estate and in the transfer is
given north on Boston avenue for 120
feet, east on Seaview avenue for 56
feet and west on the land of Leonard
Wells for 56 feet. No purchase price is
named in the deed. This sale com-
pletes the transfer of the entire Dunn
property to the Remington Arms-
U. M. C. Co.

The rumor that John Cooney had
sold his property in Barnum avenue
near Seaview avenue was current
today. The story is that Mr. Cooney
had received \$20,000 for the prop-
erty in which his saloon and restau-
rant are located. With his hands
and the adjoining open lots facing
Seaview avenue near Barnum avenue.
Mr. Cooney denied this today. He
said he had not sold and has no inten-
tion of selling.

Robert M. Sperry, playwright, and
at present publisher of Bridgeport
Life, has been sued for \$1,200 by Nell
M. Mulrhead, a local painter. It is
claimed that on April 3, 1912, he en-
tered into an agreement with Sperry
to paint, decorate and repair a house
for \$710. Later he made other re-
pairs worth \$300. He declares Sperry
paid him \$700 but refused to pay the
balance. Sperry says he paid Mul-
rhead all the work was reasonably
worth. The action is returnable to
the common pleas court, May term.

SUBMARINE WAR TAKES DAILY TOLL

British Steamer Ptarmigan
Torpedoed and Sunk by Ger-
man Submarine in North Sea
—Crew of 25 Officers and
Men Are Saved.

Four Trawlers of Dutch Fleet
Taken by German Subma-
rine Flotilla—New Casualty
List Shows England’s War
Loss Is 139,347.

London, April 15.—The Brit-
ish steamship Ptarmigan has
been torpedoed and sunk by a
German submarine near the
North Hinder Lightship in the
North Sea. Eleven sailors of the
Ptarmigan’s crew of 22
men were saved.

Trawlers Are Seized
Muiden, Netherlands, April 15.—
The local owners of the steam trawling
fleet have been notified that four
of their trawlers, flying the flag of
Holland, have been seized by Ger-
man warships and taken into Cux-
haven.

London, April 15.—The total of Brit-
ish casualties in the war from the
beginning of hostilities up to April 11
is 139,347 men, according to an an-
nouncement made in the House of
Commons this afternoon by Harold J.
Tennant, under-secretary of war.

England experienced a second Zepp-
pelin raid last night when a German
airship made an extensive flight over
the northeastern coast in an abortive
attempt to damage shipbuilding works
along the river Tyne. With the excep-
tion of negligible damage to property
and slight injury to two civilians, the
attack was fruitless.

The promptness with which the cit-
ies and towns in this part of England
were plunged into darkness when the
Zeppelins were seen, which the Wash-
ington Irving high school of New
York. Men who have viewed their
work on the local school declare it to
be an exception to the general rule
that is apparent on the site.

According to special despatches ap-
pearing in London, both the Russians
and the Germans are continuing to
claim local successes in the Carpa-
thians. Nevertheless, it would appear
as though reinforced Austro-German
forces had checked the main Russian
offensive in the region of the Usak
Pass.

Responsibility for the delay in the
operations of the allied fleet against
the Turkish positions in the Dardane-
lles again has been placed on the un-
favorable weather conditions.

SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS FOR FR. SEIFERMAN ON HIS DEPARTURE

Curate at St. Mary’s Receives
\$600 Purse and Other To-
kens of Appreciation.

Rev. Joseph H. Seiferman, junor
curate at St. Mary’s church, who to-
day assumes the curacy of St. Mary’s
church at Jewett City, was tendered
many substantial tokens of friendship
at his departure from this city.

At the funeral services which will be
held tomorrow morning from the home
and from St. Augustine’s church, Mr.
McDonough was a member of the
Holy Name society of the church. He
belonged also to Court Pequotnick,
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ATTORNEY SLADE ENTERS PLEA IN CONSPIRACY CASE

New York, April 15.—David Slade,
a member of the law firm of Slade &
Slade, attorneys for Rae Tanser in the
breach of promise suit she brought
against James W. Osborne, former as-
sistant district attorney of New York
county, appeared in the United States
district court here today and entered
tentative pleas of not guilty to two in-
dictments charging conspiracy. He was
placed under \$5,000 bail which was
forfeited.

David Slade came here from New
Haven with his brother, Maxwell, who
is also under indictment. Maxwell
Slade entered his tentative pleas yes-
terday as did Miss Tanser herself, who
is under indictment on a charge of
using the mails in an attempt to de-
fraud. The Slades refused to discuss
their case.

DR. FONES WILL HELP NEW YORK SCHOOL SYSTEM

Bridgeport Dentist and As-
sistants Give Demonstra-
tion of Officials.

SHOW HOW CHILDREN’S
HEALTH IS PROTECTED

New York Board of Health
Takes Up Inquiry Into
Local Work.

Because of the success with which
the dental clinic established in Bridge-
port has met, New York city will in-
stitute a clinic patterned after this
city’s, adopting the methods and prac-
tices used here. This is believed to
have been the decision made yesterday
after the report made by the demon-
strated to New York health authori-
ties.

At the invitation of Dr. Josephine
Baker, and the advisory committee of
the New York Board of Health, Dr. A.
C. Fones of this city, who established
the clinic here and taught the dental
nurses their craft, Mrs. Winnifred A.
Bart, one of the supervisors of dental
work here, and Miss Veronica Gram-
ham, a dental nurse trained by Miss
Rose E. House, the first supervisor
appointed, gave a demonstration be-
fore the New York authorities yester-
day afternoon and outlined the meth-
ods used in Bridgeport.

Dr. Fones addressed the committee
and Dr. Baker, in a 30-minute talk, in
which he told of the work being done
here, the methods and the ends at-
tained. His address greatly interested
them. He pointed out the relation of
disease to ill-placed teeth, and showed
that in places where preventive
methods are used, many diseases are
almost eliminated. How brain devel-
opment is affected through the teeth
was shown. Mrs. Bart gave a brief
talk concerning the supervisor’s branch
of the dental work. Then Miss Gram-
ham treated the teeth of a school child
as a practical demonstration.

New York has a separate clinic for
dental work, but has no preventative
clinic, which has distinguished the
Bridgeport work here. The aim of the
plan in this city is to eliminate bad
teeth among the younger persons of
Bridgeport by teaching them the care
of teeth and watching them from the
time they enter school until they leave.
This will only take a few years, it is
thought.

Dr. Baker is leading a movement in
New York for the betterment of con-
ditions among the children. She is
in charge of the Welfare division of
the board of health there.

Former Crane Co. Employee Mourned; Leaves Big Family

Edward McDonough of 64 James
street, died yesterday noon at his
home of an illness of about two
years. He was 62 years old.

Mr. McDonough was employed for
many years in the Crane Co., where
he was a first an older and later the
chief attendant. He gave up work in
1913 when he became ill.

Besides Mrs. McDonough, five sons,
Edward H., John F., William J.,
Frank J., and George F. McDonough,
and three daughters, four daughters,
Mrs. John H. Miller, Julia, Sarah and
Catherine McDonough. Three grand-
children are also living.

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YOUNG MCALIFFE IS MATCHED TO MEET WHITE PLAINS BOXER.

It was announced this afternoon by
Manager William Garrity that Young
McAliffie, the local boxer, has been
matched to meet Young Ketchel of
White Plains, N. Y. in the semi-final
round of the boxing show to be held in
this city at the Casino April 30. The
event is scheduled for 10 rounds. It
was originally intended to hold the
show in the Armory but military offi-
cers refused the promoters the use of
the building.

Local enthusiasts will go to Water-
bury to-night on the 6:30 train to see
fighter Mohr and Leach Cross box.
Kid Williams, who has many seats for
the bout, will be at the train.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Haven, April 15.—Fore-
cast: Generally fair tonight and
Friday.
Connecticut: Partly cloudy to-
night, Friday fair; fresh north-
west winds.

HUGE PLUM READY FOR WARREN BROS.

HUNDREDS WATCH
BUILDING WORK
AT HIGH SCHOOL

Steamfitters and Plumbers
on the Job About the Only
Ones to Escape Censure.

Citizens of Bridgeport are becom-
ing interested in the new high school
building that is being constructed on
Golden Hill. Today several hundred
visitors went to the site of the school
and viewed the structure. Through-
out the morning, persons who have
become attracted of late to the mun-
icipal monument to the board of edu-
cation looked the building over and
commented thereon.

Probably of all the workmen that
were employed on the building be-
fore the present supervisors took hold,
none but the steam fitters and plum-
bers have escaped censure. The
plumbers’ work was reported done in
an impracticable manner, in yester-
day’s issue of the Farmer, when as a
matter of fact the piping in ques-
tion is not plumbing work, which is
the case of the construction of the
structure that stands out prominently for
its accuracy and the care with which
it was done. On the scene of the build-
ing operations today, it was learned
that concrete floors were being torn
up not because of the plumbing but
because conduits—which are painted
pipes—were improperly laid. The
pipes were not the plumbers’, how-
ever, but belonged to part of the con-
struction that was botched.

The George E. Gibson company of
New York, is doing the plumbing
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CAR DEMONSTRATOR BLAMED BY DRIVER FOR CHILD’S INJURY

Legislation To Regulate
Showing Off Cars in
Streets May Be Urged.

Extended investigation by the po-
lice is being made today into an au-
tomobile accident that will cost the
life of four-year-old Ethel Simpson,
who was killed by a car in the city
today. In the city court today the cases
of William Seppernack, 23 Morgan av-
enue, and Edward Dobbs, 703 Warren
street, driver for D. I. Flint, an auto-
mobile dealer of Fairfield, avenue,
were continued until Saturday upon
charges of reckless driving until the
condition of the girl and other facts
in connection with the case might be
obtained.

Agitation for special legislation in
relation to the demonstrating of au-
tomobiles in the city’s streets is like-
ly to result if intimations made to
the police today by Seppernack and
Dobbs are true. According to state-
ments in the hands of the police Seppernack, who was
purchasing the car and who was at
the wheel at the time, states that he
was driving on Fairfield avenue near
Colorado avenue, when the child step-
ped out directly in front of the car.
He was of the belief that he would
have escaped hitting the child if
Dobbs had not attempted to put on
the emergency brake, thus prevent-
ing Seppernack from steering a
straight course which he believed
would have avoided the child.

The statement of Dobbs, owner of
the license under which the car was
being driven, says that many chil-
dren were playing in the car tracks
and that either a car or a wagon ob-
scured the view of the driver, Ethel
Simpson, aged four, living at 3 Den-
ver avenue, ran out. Two other girls
at the risk of their lives, attempted
to drag her back but she broke away
from them and ran directly in front
of the machine, the wheels of which
passed completely over her body.
Dobbs tried to get hold of the emer-
gency brake but Seppernack had such
a tight hold upon it that Dobbs could
not move it.

FIANCE OF BRIDGEPORT GIRL FOUND DEAD IN WOODS NEAR OMAHA.

George W. Morrow, Jr., of Hart-
ford, Conn., well known in this city,
and engaged to marry Miss Gladys
Macfarlane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Francis H. Macfarlane, of Black
Rock, was reported to have been
found dead 15 miles from Omaha,
Neb., Tuesday afternoon, with a bul-
let wound through his heart. It is
believed that in a period of mental
aberration he may have wandered
away and met his untimely fate.

George Morrow, Jr., is the son of
a well-known hotel proprietor, and is
widely known in Bridgeport.
At the home of Miss Macfarlane
here today it was said that no addi-
tional information had been receiv-
ed and it is believed that the report
of suicide was erroneous for they had
been advised that he was ill with ap-
pendicitis and later received tele-
graphic information that he was dead.

Contracts Aggregating More
Than \$300,000 To Be Pre-
pared For Immediate Sig-
nature—Streets Through
City To Be Treated With
Patented Surfacing.

Repudiated Contracts of
Last Year Will Be Rati-
fied Anew, and Other
Streets Will Be Brought
Into the Great Carnival of
Spending.

The carnival of extravagant
spending, well under way with the
Bridgeport municipal ad-
ministration, will receive a
great boom tomorrow night
when the streets and sidewalks
committee of the common
council will make ready to
spend more than \$800,000 on
Warrente.

The administration plans to
force upon the public the repu-
diated Warrente contracts,
which were declared illegal by
the Superior court. Through a
loophole the administration
hopes to validate these con-
tracts and to begin work with
the money provided last year,
as well as additional funds now
available for street work.

The Warren Bros., of Boston,
will get contracts for approxi-
mately 20 miles